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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number     | 09/911,206         |
| Filing Date            | 07/23/2001         |
| Examiner Name          | NGHIEM, Michael P. |
| First Named Inventor   | Bernd VOSSELER     |
| Group Art Unit         | 2863               |
| Attorney Docket Number | 600.1162           |

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 13, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

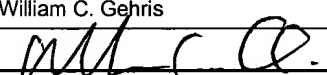
## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

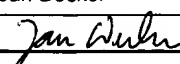
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0552
  - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1160.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Docket No.: 600.1162  
Date: August 26, 2003

In re application of: Bernd VOSSELER et al  
Serial No.: 09/911,206  
Filed: 07/23/2001  
For: LASER IMAGING WITH VARIABLE PRINTING SPOT SIZE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Request For Continued Examination Transmittal** (1 pg) in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☐ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☒ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |                |         |            |         | + \$140      | \$  |    | + \$280      | \$    |

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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:  
☒ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)  
☒ Other: Amendment/Reply (8 pages); Information Disclosure Statement w/ PTO-1449 Form and Cited References
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of **\$1160.00 and \$84.00** is/are attached to cover:  
☒ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
☒ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☒ Other: RCE Fee
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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